



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Craig W. Butler, Director

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Mayors, County Commissioners,
Regional Authority Officials,
Consulting Engineers, and
Interested Citizens

VIA EMAIL

**Re: Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund
Approval of 2016 Program Management Plan**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am pleased to announce the approval of the 2016 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program Management Plan, including the list of projects that are proposed for assistance during this program year.

The 2016 Program Management Plan maintains the significant levels of funds available to WPCLF applicants in recent years. In addition, these important features were included in the Plan: we will offer up to \$23.5 million in principal forgiveness for household sewage treatment systems upgrades, and projects which will correct combined sewer overflows and unsewered areas; \$10 million of the WPCLF's assistance will be allocated for Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program Projects; we will continue to administer an important Nutrient Reduction Discount (NRD) in response to the concerns of harmful algal blooms and their effect on drinking water systems in Ohio; and will offer 0% loans for a variety of specialized planning activities such as asset management, energy audits and emergency preparedness.

The Plan may be found at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/Portals/29/documents/ofa/2016PMP.pdf>. A summary of the major changes for program year 2016 begins on page 7 of the Plan.

We released the Draft Plan for public review on October 22, 2015, and held a public meeting on November 23, 2015 to receive comments. Ohio EPA's responses to the written comments received during the review period are available at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/Portals/29/documents/ofa/2016PMPRTC.pdf>.

We thank you for your continued interest in improving Ohio's water quality. If you have questions, or would like to receive a copy of the Plan by mail, please contact the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance at (614) 644-2798.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Butler", written in a cursive style.

Craig W. Butler
Director